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SUBJECT: ZARDARI'S VIEWS ON AGREEMENT WITH NAWAZ

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Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader Asif Zardari told Ambassador March 10 that yesterday's agreement with Pakistan Muslim I

[1](#)2. (C) Ambassador called on Asif Zardari March 10 to get his version of the "deal" with PML-N head Nawaz Sharif. Zardari said he and Nawaz
End Comment.) When Ambassador asked about the 30 day deadline for the parliamentary resolution which would supposedly reinstate the judges,

[1](#)3. (C) Zardari revealed he had been in touch with Chief Justice Dogar to assure him he would not be removed.

Zardari was less clear about the legalities of the restoration of the other judges, although he implied some phased-in system might be employ

[1](#)4. (C) Ambassador asked about the choices for Prime Minister.

Zardari reiterated that he was angry Amin Faheem had spent virtually the entire campaign in Dubai) engaging his "weak libido (sic)" and i
Zardari said Faheem would only take two deputies with him if he split from the party. In the meantime, he was being courted by the PML-Q. 2

[1](#)5. (C) Zardari said he had made a deal with Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) leader Fazlur Rehman to enter the coalition. While he only has six
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said he had.

[1](#)6. (C) Zardari said he planned to run in a by-election if he were permitted to do so. Ambassador said we would like to work with the PPP ar

[1](#)7. (C) Zardari said he had floated Ahmed Mukhtar,s name as a possible candidate for Prime Minister, but Mukhtar had not done well in the su
Zardari said his current choice was Yousef Raza Gillani (Ref B) who is also a vice chairman of the party. Zardari argued he needed someone
Zardari said he was at pains to rebrand the PPP as friendly to business and to encourage American investment.

[1](#)8. (C) Comment: Party infighting seems to continue unabated.

Tariq Aziz told us a few days ago that while the government would have preferred Amin Faheem, any of the four major candidates would be acce
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